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- 1. Which of the following leaders were associated with the founding of the Rehnumai Mazdayasan Sabha?
 - 1. S.S. Bengalee
 - 2. Naoroji Furdonji
 - 3. Dadabhai Naoroji
 - 4. Pherozeshah Mehta

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- (b) 3 and 4 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 2. Which of the following statements regarding 'Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter' is correct?
 - (a) It is a NASA robotic spacecraft currently orbiting the moon.
 - (b) It imaged the area of the targeted Chandrayaan-2 landing site to help detect Vikram lander.
 - (c) It aims to identify safe sites for future robotic and human lunar missions
 - (d) All the statements (a), (b) and (c) are correct.
- **3.** Consider the following statements regarding government policies towards Dalit/backward castes in British India:
 - 1. The first attempt to replace the term scheduled castes with depressed classes was made by the Councils Act of 1891.
 - 2. The Government of India Act 1909 was the first statute to provide political representation to the depressed classes in the provincial legislature through nomination.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only

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- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- **4.** With reference to the Asiatic Society of Bombay, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It was created by the British to impart western education to train select Indians for administrative posts.
 - 2. Annie Besant was elected as the first woman president of the society in 1917.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 5. Consider the following statements regarding the National Council of Women in India (NCWI):
 - 1. The leadership and membership of the Council primarily came from the middle-class and lower-class women.
 - 2. It primarily aimed education for women through social mobilization and awareness campaigns among women.
 - 3. It acted as the national branch of the International Council of Women before merging into All-India Women's Conference.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) None
- 6. Which of the following is/are correct regarding the British Doctrine of Lapse policy?
 - 1. It was an instrument used by Lord Hastings to annex Indian princely states.
 - 2. It denied the ruler of a princely state the right to choose a successor in the absence of a natural heir.
 - 3. It was used for annexing the kingdom of Avadh.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

- 7. With reference to the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS), consider the following statements:
 - It is a payment system launched by the National Payment Corporation of India
 - 2. It allows payments through physical cash as well as digital modes.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **8.** With reference to the political associations before the birth of Indian National Congress, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Landholders' Society was the first political organization formed to agitate against British rule.
 - 2. Indian Association of Calcutta was founded by Dwarkanath Tagore with the objective of unifying people on a common political programme.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **9.** Chittaranjan Das, famously known as Deshbandhu, was associated with:
 - 1. Congress-Khilafat Swaraj Party
 - 2. All India Trade Union Congress
 - Civil Disobedience Movement
 Select the correct answer using the code
 - (a) 1 only

given below.

- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

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- **10.** UMMID, a recently launched scheme, aims to
 - (a) reunite the rescued victims of human trafficking with their families
 - (b) tackle inherited genetic diseases among newborn babies
 - (c) provide alternative employment opportunities to manual scavengers
 - (d) provide scholarships to specially-abled meritorious graduates to undertake higher studies programmes.
- **11.** Which of the following movements was/were revivalist in nature?
 - 1. Ahmadiya Movement
 - 2. Deoband Movement
 - 3. Aligarh Movement

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **12.** Consider the following pairs:

Personality Founder 1. Radhakanta Deb : Widow Remarriage Association 2. Keshub Chandra : Tabernacle of Sen New

3. Annie Beasant : Theosophical

Society

Dispensation

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- **13.** Which of the following literary works were associated with Bal Gangadhar Tilak?
 - 1. The Arctic home in the Vedas
 - 2. Kesari
 - 3. Mahratta
 - 4. Gita Rahasya

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 and 4 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- **14.** With reference to 'Turtle Survival Alliance', consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is an inter-governmental body involved in the protection of marine and freshwater turtles.
 - 2. It was established as an IUCN partner in response to the 'Asian Turtle Crisis'.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 15. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the economic nationalism of India during the late 19th Century?
 - A literary critique of the economic system of the British was put forward by Dadabhai Naoroji, M.G. Ranade and R.C. Dutt.
 - 2. One of the criticisms was that no measures were taken to arrest the falling exchange rate of the rupee.
 - 3. The complete abolition of capitalism was put forward as a solution to Indian economic problems by the nationalists.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 2 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- **16.** Which of the following is *not* correct with reference to Nadir Shah's invasion in India?
 - (a) His entry into the north-west India was met by strong opposition by the combined forces of the Rajputs and the Mughal.
 - (b) The Emperor Muhammad Shah was taken prisoner by the forces of Nadir Shah.
 - (c) A large scale massacre of the citizens of the imperial capital was ordered by Nadir Shah.
 - (d) The Mughal emperor was compelled to cede to him all the provinces of the Empire west of the river Indus.
- 17. Consider the following statements with reference to the role of the Sayyid brothers in the 18th century India:
 - They wielded significant authority under the reign of Mughal emperor Jahandar Shah.
 - 2. They abolished the jizyah and the pilgrim tax from a number of places.
 - 3. They were constantly at conflict with several of the Jat and Rajput princes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 only

- **18.** Arrange the following business organizations in the chronological order of their formation:
 - Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry
 - 2. The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India
 - 3. The Indian Merchants' Chamber Select the correct answer using the code given below.
 - (a) 1-2-3
 - (b) 3-2-1
 - (c) 3-1-2
 - (d) 2-1-3
- **19.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Brahmo Samaj:
 - 1. It was based on the twin pillars of reason and the Vedas and Upanishads.
 - 2. It denied the need for a priestly class for interpreting religious writings.
 - 3. It actively opposed the caste system and child-marriage.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **20.** With reference to the revolt of 1857, consider the following statements:
 - 1. During revolt, the Bombay and Madras armies remained loyal to the British.
 - 2. Malabar region in the south was one of the nerve centers of the 1857 revolt.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 21. Consider the following statements with reference to salt production and consumption in India:
 - Gujarat is the largest producer of salt in India.
 - Tamil Nadu has the highest percentage of households consuming adequately iodized salt.
 - In India, salt production and distribution are monitored by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.

Which of the statements given above is/are *not* correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) 2 and 3 only
- 22. 'Galo', 'Wancho' and 'Adi', often seen in news, are:
 - (a) Tribal communities of Arunachal Pradesh
 - (b) Glacial lakes located in Leh Ladakh
 - (c) Migratory bird species found in northeast India
 - (d) Buddhist monastries located in Sikkim
- **23.** The word 'Cryodrakon Boreas' is sometimes mentioned in media in reference to
 - (a) fossils of a kind of dinosaurs.
 - (b) the largest flying animal of primaeval sky.
 - (c) a newly discovered species of whale in arctic waters.
 - (d) a tree species capable of retaining leaves in a frigid zone.

- 24. With reference to Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM), consider the following statements:
 - It is a public-private partnership designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.
 - India has joined it very recently to mobilize funds for National Health Mission.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 25. Which of the following features can be attributed to the socio-religious reform movements for the empowerment of women during the 19th century?
 - These movements were aimed at a radical change towards the existing patriarchal structure of society.
 - 2. Women spearheaded most of these movements with the primary aim to alter their adverse social conditions.
 - The provision for education for girls was primarily meant to equip them to be selfsufficient and independent.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) None

- **26.** With reference to Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, consider the following statements:
 - 1. His writings helped in the evolution of a modern prose style in Bengali.
 - 2. He opened the gates of the Sanskrit college to non-Brahmin students.
 - 3. He launched a successful movement that led to the passage of the Hindu Widows' Remarriage Act, 1856.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **27.** With reference to Indian Universities Act 1904, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It provided more autonomy to universities.
 - 2. It increased university control over the private colleges.
 - 3. The act was passed during the period of Lord Curzon.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **28.** In the context of the Anglo-Dutch rivalry, consider the following statements:
 - 1. The Anglo-Dutch compromise involved the British withdrawal from Indonesia and the Dutch withdrawal from India.
 - 2. The final collapse of the Dutch in India came with their defeat by the English in the battle of Chinsura in 1759.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

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- 29. Consider the following statements with reference to Warren Hastings, the British governor-general in India:
 - 1. He set up the Calcutta Madrasa to enable a regular supply of qualified Indians to help the administration of law in the British courts.
 - 2. He experimented with the land revenue by auctioning the right to collect revenue to the highest bidders.
 - 3. He entered into a peace agreement with Tipu Sultan by signing the Treaty of Seringapatam.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **30.** Which of the following statements is *not* correct regarding Maharaja Ranjit Singh and his administration in Punjab?
 - (a) His religious policy was conservative in nature.
 - (b) His army was not confined to the Sikhs but also included persons from the other parts of the country.
 - (c) He set up modern foundries to manufacture cannon at Lahore.
 - (d) He continued the system of land revenue promulgated earlier by the Mughals.
- 31. With reference to the recently launched "Ganga Data Collector", consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is an initiative of the Central Pollution Control Board to detect point sources of pollution in river Ganga.
 - 2. It involves community volunteers designated as 'Ganga Praharis' to collect data on the aquatic life of river Ganga.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- **32.** Recently introduced, Head on Generation Technology in the railways is related to
 - (a) anti-collision technology to reduce rail accidents.
 - (b) power generation from energy stored in wheels of rail coaches.
 - (c) new technology for improved power supply in railway coaches.
 - (d) powering the railway engines through solar energy.
- **33.** With reference to 'Vulture Restaurants', consider the following statements:
 - They are feeding sites for vultures where non-toxic, poison-free meat and carcasses are provided for vultures.
 - 2. They are unique to India and are set up by the Wildlife Institute of India across the country.
 - 3. The first vulture restaurant was established recently in Pinjore in Haryana.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only
- **34.** Consider the following statements with respect to Swami Vivekananda:
 - 1. He believed that Vedanta is a fully rational system.
 - 2. He condemned emphasis on rituals and ceremonies of the Hindu social system.
 - 3. He founded the Ramakrishna Mission with the objective of helping people to achieve personal salvation.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- **35.** With reference to the revolt of 1857, which of the following was/were socio-religious causes of discontent against the British?
 - 1. Opening of western education to girls.
 - 2. Taxing the lands belonging to temples and mosques
 - 3. Rediscovery of India's past by Europeans scholars

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only
- **36.** With reference to the Moplah Rebellion, consider the following statements:
 - Moplahs were mostly high caste Hindus who revolted against the Muslim landlords.
 - 2. Bihar was the major center of the rebellion.
 - 3. The Moplah uprisings were co-terminus with the Civil Disobedience Movement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) None
- 37. Consider the following statements regarding the Indian Capitalist Classes during the Indian National Movement:
 - 1. The Indian Capitalists always stayed away from areas where the British had commercial interests.
 - 2. The Indian capitalists never took an antiimperialist stance.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- **38.** With reference to the Treaty of Purandar, 1665, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It was signed between the Shaista Khan of Deccan and the Marathas.
 - 2. According to this treaty, Shivaji had to accept the suzerainty of Mughals.

Which of the statements given above is/are *not* correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **39.** With reference to the labor movement in India, consider the following:
 - 1. All India Trade Union Federation
 - 2. Ahmedabad Textile Labour Association
 - 3. Social Service League
 - 4. Girni Kamgar Union

Arrange the organisations given above in the chronological order of their formation.

- (a) 3-2-4-1
- (b) 1-2-3-4
- (c) 4-3-2-1
- (d) 2-3-4-1
- **40.** Which of the following leaders was/were related to Arya Mahila Samaj?
 - 1. Margaret Cousins
 - 2. Pandita Ramabai Saraswati
 - 3. Sarla Devi Chaudhurani

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

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- 41. Recently the Population Division of the UN
 Department of Economic and Social Affairs
 (DESA) has released the International
 Migration Stock 2019 report. With reference
 to its findings, consider the following
 statements:
 - 1. The global number of international migrants has grown faster than the world's population.
 - 2. In the past ten years, North America has hosted more migrants than Europe.
 - 3. China has the largest diaspora.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only
- **42.** Which of the following was/were the constituents of the Queen's proclamation of 1858?
 - 1. No further expansion of territorial possessions.
 - 2. All treaties and agreements made between the Indian native princes and the East India company would cease to exist with the abolition of the East India Company.
 - The British officials were ordered not to interfere in the religious affairs of the Indians.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- In the context of the freedom struggle of India, which of the following were the demands of the early Nationalists?
 - 1. Complete separation of the executive and the judiciary.
 - 2. Abolition of the Permanent Settlement system of revenue collection.
 - 3. Right to appeal to the Standing Committee of the House of Commons against the Government of India.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 44. Consider the following statements regarding the Poligar rebellion (1799-1805):
 - 1. Poligars were local militia in southern India who were given land in exchange for military service when called upon.
 - 2. After crushing the revolt, the British replaced the Poligar system with the Zamindari system.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **45.** Which of the following was/were the recommendations of Hunter Commission of 1882?
 - 1. Primary education should be imparted through vernacular languages.
 - 2. Transfer of control of primary education to district and municipal boards.
 - 3. Universities should be completely brought under the state's control.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only

- **46.** Consider the following statements with reference to Nawab Safdar Jang of Awadh:
 - He was the founder of the autonomous kingdom of Awadh.
 - He was constantly at struggle with the Maratha sardars and the Rajput chieftains.
 - 3. He led an extravagant and luxurious life leading to deterioration in state finances.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) None
- 47. Consider the following statements with reference to the administration by the Nawabs of Bengal in the first half of the 18th century:
 - 1. They granted *taccavi* loans to the poor cultivators to relieve their distress and to enable them to pay land revenue in time.
 - 2. Many of the highest civil and military posts were occupied by Bengali Hindus.
 - 3. The Nawabs of Bengal invested in building a large and strong army.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only

- **48.** Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Indian Councils Act of 1892?
 - It increased the number of non-official members in the Central and provincial legislative councils but maintained the official majority in them.
 - 2. It empowered legislative councils for discussing the budget and addressing questions to the executive.
 - 3. It empowered the Viceroy to issue ordinances.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **49.** With reference to the proposed National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID), consider the following statements:
 - It is set up to primarily track any terror suspect and prevent terrorist attacks with realtime data.
 - 2. Data will be publicly shared to create awareness among people.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- **50.** With reference to the development of civil services during British rule in India, consider the following statements:
 - Cornwallis was the first to bring into existence and organise the civil services.
 - Wellesley established the College of Fort William at Calcutta for the education of young recruits to the Civil Service.
 - Lytton introduced the Statutory Civil Service with covenanted posts.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 51. Which of the following statements are correct about the Wahabi movement of the 19th century?
 - 1. It was started against Sikhs of Punjab.
 - 2. It was inspired by the teachings of Delhi saint Shah Waliullah.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- **52.** Consider the following statements regarding Satya Shodhak Samaj:
 - It was founded with Mahatma Jyotiba
 Phule as its first secretary and Savitribai
 Phule as its first president.
 - 2. A member at Satya Shodhak Samaj had to take an oath in the name of god and declare his allegiance to British rule.
 - 3. It rejected the idea of the caste system and the basic four-fold division of society.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 3 only
- **53.** Consider the following statements regarding Anglo-Maratha wars:
 - The first Anglo- Maratha war happened during the reign of Lord Warren Hastings.
 - The Pindaris were one of the main factors behind the Second Anglo-Maratha war.
 - The Peshwa was dethroned and pensioned after the Third Anglo-Maratha war.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- **54.** Which of the following were the conventions adopted by the Indian National Congress?
 - 1. Sessions to be held only in major centers like Bengal, Bombay, and Madras.
 - 2. The president of the session should be from a region other than the place of session.
 - 3. The sessions to be organized in the way of a Parliament using tools like resolutions and voting on them.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 55. Which of the following were the constituents of Home Charges, which was one of the methods of Economic Drain?
 - Dividend to the shareholders of the East India Company.
 - 2. Interest on Public Debt raised abroad.
 - 3. Pensions and furloughs payments of British officers in the Civil and Military departments in India.
 - 4. Interest on Foreign Capital Investments. Select the correct answer using the code given below.
 - (a) 1, 2 and 3 only
 - (b) 2 and 3 only
 - (c) 3 only
 - (d) 1, 2 and 4
- **56.** The Maxwell-Broomfield Commission was set up by the British government to
 - (a) to survey and report the increase in Malaria cases in the provinces.
 - (b) review the status of famine in India and suggest measures for its prevention.
 - (c) enquire into the increase in land revenue by the government in Bardoli taluka.
 - (d) suggest reforms in the land revenue settlement system in Bengal.

- 57. Which of the following statements is *not* correct regarding the Deccan riots of the 1870s?
 - (a) The areas of activity of the Deccan riots were under the Zamindari system of land revenue.
 - (b) Social boycott was used as a major instrument during the Deccan riots.
 - (c) The riots ultimately led to the passage Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act of 1879 which provided protection against the moneylenders.
 - (d) It was supported by the Poona Sarvajanik Sabha, led by Justice Ranade.
- 58. With reference to the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is an association of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) of all UN member nations.
 - 2. It conducts and supervises general elections if requested by the national government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **59.** Consider the following pairs:

Governor Acts Passed
Generals/
Viceroy

1. Lord Curzon : Age of Consent

Act 1891

2. Lord Dalhousie : Hindu Widows'

Remarriage Act,

1856

3. Lord Northbrook : Female

Infanticide Prevention Act,

1870

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 3 only

- **60.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Mahalwari System:
 - 1. It was introduced in the Gangetic valley and the North-West Provinces of India.
 - 2. Under it, the revenue settlement was to be made in a village with heads of families who collectively claimed to be the landlords of the village.
 - 3. In Mahalwari areas, the land revenue was periodically revised.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 61. Consider the following statements regarding the Rangpur Rebellion during the late 19th Century in Eastern India:
 - The rebellion happened in opposition to the Permanent Settlement introduced by Britishers in Bengal.
 - 2. The rebellion acquired violent communal overtones.
 - 3. Bakshi Jagbandhu was an important leader of the movement.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) None
- **62.** Consider the following publications:
 - 1. Bhawani Mandir
 - 2. Vartaman Rananiti
 - 3. Sandhya

Which of the above journals/newspaper preached revolutionary ideas during the Indian freedom struggle?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only

- 63. In the context of early attempts at labour reforms during the late 19th Century, consider the following statements:
 - Sasipada Banerjea set up a Workingmen's Club in 1870 and brought out a monthly journal called Bharat Sramjeebi.
 - In Bombay, Narayan Meghajee Lokhanday brought out an Anglo-Marathi weekly called Deenbandhu.
 - 3. G.S. Agarkar formed the Bombay Mill and Millhands' Association in 1890 to advocate labour reforms.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- Who among the following leaders held the position of president of the Indian National Congress?
 - 1. Badruddin Tyabji
 - 2. Bal Gangadhar Tilak
 - 3. Mahadev Govind Ranade
 - 4. Romesh Chandra Dutt

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 4 only
- (c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (d) 2 and 4 only
- **65.** With reference to Wardha scheme of basic education, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It was inspired by Gandhian ideas in his weekly "Harijan".
 - 2. The underlying principle behind this education was "learning through activity".
 - 3. It received massive support from the masses and was continued till independence.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- 66. Consider the following statements regarding the economic conditions/policies during the rule of Tipu Sultan:
 - 1. He made attempts to introduce modern industries in India by importing foreign workmen as experts and by extending state support to many industries.
 - 2. Peasants under his rule were much more prosperous than the peasants in most other parts of India.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 67. With reference to 'Marsiya Poetry', recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:
 - It is the compilation of teachings of Moinuddin Chishti in the form of a book of hymns.
 - 2. It was patronized by the nawabs of Lucknow in the nineteenth century.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **68.** With reference to Press Act of 1910, consider the following statements:
 - 1. Printing-presses had to deposit a security amount with the local government.
 - 2. It covered vernacular newspapers and books.
 - 3. The Magistrate was given full discretion and there was no provision for appeal against his action on printing-presses.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- **69.** The famous Curzon-Kitchener controversy associated with:
 - (a) the partition of Bengal.
 - (b) ending the dual control of military affairs.
 - (c) waiving off land tax during famine.
 - (d) ending scholarship to Indian student in the Calcutta University.
- **70.** With reference to Elephant endotheliotropic herpesviruses (EEHV), recently seen in the news, consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is a virus that causes a fatal hemorrhagic disease in the elephants.
 - 2. It primarily affects African elephants and is not observed in their Asian counterparts.
 - 3. It can be transmitted to humans when they come in contact with an infected animal.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 3 only
- 71. With reference to the stance of Congress in its initial years, towards the labour reforms, which of the following statements is/are correct?
 - They took a consistent position in favour of factory reforms which proposed to improve the living condition of labourers.
 - 2. They organised a campaign against the exploitation of the labourers at the Assam tea gardens.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 72. With reference to an initiative called 'The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)' which of the following statements is/are correct?
 - 1. It is an initiative of the G20 countries.
 - 2. The coalition aims to help develop disaster resilient technologies and mechanism for integrating risk reduction in infrastructure financing.
 - 3. The secretariat of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) will be established in New Delhi.

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 and 2 only
- 73. Consider the following statements with respect to the Basel Ban Amendment, a global waste dumping prohibiting convention:
 - 1. It prohibits transboundary export of all hazardous wastes except plastic wastes.
 - 2. Recently, India has ratified the Basel Ban Amendment.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **74.** With reference to the recently announced post of Chief of Defence Staff, consider the following statement:
 - 1. He will act as the single-point advisor to the Government of India on matters related to all the three services.
 - Senior-most among the three service chiefs will be designated as the Chief of Defence Staff.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- **75.** 'Goldschmidtite', recently seen in news, is a/an:
 - (a) human fossil belonging to Mesozoic era.
 - (b) new cryptocurrency pegged against real gold.
 - (c) element recently added into the periodic table.
 - (d) new mineral discovered from the earth's mantle.
- 76. Which of the following is/are correct with reference to the policies adopted by Bahadur Shah towards strengthening the Mughal rule?
 - 1. He tried to conciliate the Sikhs by making peace with Guru Gobind Singh and giving him a high mansab.
 - 2. He restored peace in the Deccan by recognizing Shahu as the rightful Maratha King.
 - 3. He improved the position of the state finances by following prudent economic policies.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 77. Which of the following statements are correct with respect to the British military policy during the 1880-1900s?
 - 1. British Indian army was used for imperial pursuits in Africa and Asia.
 - 2. Indians could be taken into the army as volunteers.
 - 3. Military expenditure was entirely borne by the British government.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

- **78.** In the context of the 19th and early 20th century, which of the following statements best describes the term *the Great Game*?
 - (a) It refers to an intense rivalry between the British and other colonial empires in Africa.
 - (b) It refers to an intense rivalry between the British and French empires to colonize India.
 - (c) It refers to active cooperation between the different colonial empires to safeguard their interests in China.
 - (d) It refers to an intense rivalry between the British and Russian empires to influence or control Central Asia.
- **79.** With reference to the Maratha Kingdom in the 18th century, consider the following statements:
 - Peshwa became the functional head of the Maratha empire in the tenure of Balaji Vishwanath.
 - Maratha kings were dependent on private armies of Maratha sardars for conquest outside their original kingdom.
 - The Maratha rulers encouraged science and technology as well as promoted trade and industry based on modern developments.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- **80.** Who among the following were associated with judicial reforms in India?
 - 1. Warren Hastings
 - 2. WIlliam Bentinck
 - 3. Lord Ripon

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **81.** 'Akademik Lomonosov', recently seen in news is:
 - (a) a Russia-funded Antarctic exploration programme.
 - (b) a crater found on the southern pole of the moon.
 - (c) the world's first floating nuclear reactor.
 - (d) a planetarium software launched to educate high-school students of developing nations.
- **82.** Consider the following statements regarding the first session of the INC:
 - The majority of members were from the Bengal province.
 - 2. The members were drawn from every social stratum.
 - 3. There was no official permission granted for the session.

Which of the statements given above is/are *not* correct?

- (a) 3 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- 83. With reference to the Santhal tribal Rebellion, which one of the following statements is correct?
 - (a) The rebellion did not witness any significant violence.
 - (b) 'Dikus' were the groups formed among the tribes to attack the British establishments.
 - (c) Local non-tribal peasants largely remained opposed to the Santhal Rebellion.
 - (d) At the end of rebellion, Santhal inhabited areas were constituted into Santhal Parganas, which recognised the distinctiveness of their tribal culture and identity.
- **84.** With reference to the growth of local self-government in India, which of the following was/were the provisions of Ripon"s Resolution of 1870?
 - 1. The local bodies to have majority of the non-officials.
 - 2. Non-officials to act as chairpersons of the local bodies.
 - 3. No official executive sanction required for imposition of new taxes.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 85. With respect to the 14th Conference of Parties (CoP) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) held recently in India, consider the following statements:
 - 1. This was the first CoP to UNCCD to have been hosted by India.
 - 2. At this Conference, the parties for the first time endorsed the Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) agenda for 2030 to combat desertification.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

86. "This national park is a part of the Nilgiri biosphere reserve in Tamilnadu and is located in the western corner of the Nilgiris Plateau near the popular hill station of Ooty. The vegetation, climate and appearance of the Park bear a striking resemblance to that of the Himalayas minus the snow. Recently, it reported an increase in the population of Nilgiri Tahr for the second consecutive year in a row."

Which of the following National Parks is being described in the above passage?

- (a) Silent Valley National Park
- (b) Bandhavgarh National Park
- (c) Eravikulam National Park
- (d) Mukurthi National Park
- Which of the following factors contributed to the decline of Portuguese in India?
 - 1. The rise of the Marathas
 - 2. The religious policies of the Portuguese
 - 3. Rivalries with Britsh and Dutch Companies

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **88.** With reference to the nature of working-class movement during the different phases of freedom struggle, consider the following statements:
 - 1. During the Swadeshi Movement, there was a shift from labor struggles on purely economic questions to the involvement of the worker with the wider political issues of the day.
 - 2. Although the nationalist mass upsurge declined temporarily after 1908, the labor movement continued with increased fervour.
 - 3. During the Non-cooperation Movement, the working-class activity slowed down.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

- **89.** With reference to the International Astronomical Union (IAU), consider the following statements:
 - 1. It is a body of individual astronomers across the world.
 - 2. It is responsible for defining fundamental astronomical and physical constants.
 - 3. It assigns designations to celestial bodies and surface features on them.

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- **90.** Which of the following was/were the economic impact of British rule?
 - 1. Between 1901 and 1941 the percentage of population dependent on agriculture increased.
 - 2. The rural artisan industries developed rapidly with the coming of the railways.
 - 3. Indian industrial efforts shifted towards setting up of heavy or capital goods industries.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 91. In the context of British India, consider the following statements regarding the development of press:
 - 1. The first newspaper of British India was The Bengal Gazette.
 - 2. The first newspaper in an Indian language was the Sambad Kaumudi.
 - 3. This first news agency was the Associated Press of India (API).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only

- **92.** Arrange the following events in the chronological order:
 - 1. Beginning of Sanyasi rebellion
 - Travancore rebellion led by Dewan Velu Thampi
 - 3. Kittur uprising led by Chennamma
 - 4. Second Anglo-Sikh War

Select the correct answer using the code given below,

- (a) 1-2-3-4
- (b) 2-3-4-1
- (c) 1-3-2-4
- (d) 3-1-2-4
- **93.** With reference to 'Bombay Blood Group', consider the following statements:
 - It is a rare type of blood group only found in certain individuals hailing from Mumbai.
 - 2. People with this blood group can receive blood only from the O blood group.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **94.** In the context of the British rule in India, the objective of the Fowler Committee was to:
 - (a) suggest measures to rationalise military expenditure.
 - (b) examine the currency situation in India.
 - (c) recommend measures to prevent famine.
 - (d) define the jurisdiction of the Central and Provincial Governments.

95. Consider the following passage:

"She was the first woman to graduate with honours in British India. She formed the *Bangiya Nari Samaj* to fight for suffrage and women's liberation. She was also one of the members of the Female Labour Investigation Commission from 1922 to 1923 which worked with the government to oversee the conditions of women."

Who among the following is being referred to in the above passage?

- (a) Kadambini Ganguly
- (b) Chandramukhi Basu
- (c) Kamini Roy
- (d) Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay
- **96.** Consider the following pairs of wars and their concluding treaties:

War
1. Anglo-Bhutan
2. Anglo-Nepal
3. Anglo-Tibet
Treaty of Sinchula
Treaty of Gandamak

Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only
- (b) 1 and 3 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) None
- 97. In the context of Indian national movement, the Simla Manifesto of 1838 is associated with:
 - (a) the demands for ensuring Indianization of Civil Services.
 - (b) the formal declaration of Doctrine of Lapse as British policy for annexation of Princely states.
 - (c) the British intervention in Afghanistan which led to the first Anglo Afghan War.
 - (d) the setting up of Commission for redressal of grievances of peasants in Deccan region.

98. Consider the following pairs:

Factory Reform Salient Legislation Provision

1. Factory Act of : Prohibition of 1881 employment of

women at night.

2. Factory Act of: 1891

Prohibition of employment of children below

9 years.

3. Factory Act of: 1911

Maximum hours of work for adult male workers were

fixed.

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only
- **99.** Consider the following statements with reference to the Regulating Act of 1773:
 - 1. It created a new body called the Board of Control to manage the work of the Directors of the East India Company.
 - 2. It provided for the establishment of a Supreme Court of at Calcutta.
 - 3. It successfully resolved the conflict between the Company and its opponents in England.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 2 and 3 only
- **100.** Consider the following statements with reference to the recently launched NIRVIK Scheme:
 - 1. The scheme aims to ease the lending process and enhance loan availability for exporters.
 - 2. The scheme has been introduced by the Ministry of Finance.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

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